

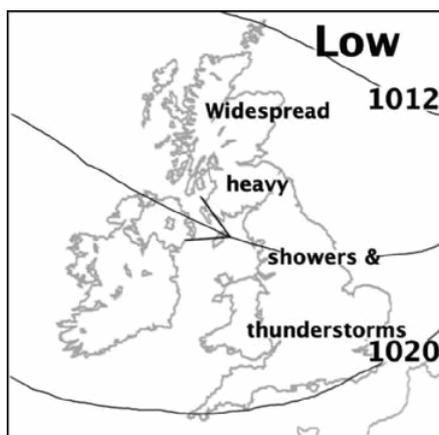
West Highlands

Western Highlands accessible from, and south of, Glenfinnan (Road to the Isles) and Glen Spean (includes Creag Meagaidh). This area include Ben Nevis and the mountains around Glencoe. In the east, includes Ben Alder south to Loch Lomond and Trossachs NP. Includes Arran and Mull.



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General Summary for Friday, 10 August, 2018



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 10 August, 2018

Widespread showers - generally transferring from western mountains to areas well inland where in afternoon there will be thunderstorms and in places the rain, often heavy becoming constant for an hour or two. Fairly light wind - though temporarily gusty near rain.

Headline for West Highlands

Cold; heavy showers, hail and thunder. Fairly light wind.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 10 August, 2018

How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly 10 to 15mph, although may reach 20mph summits near Clyde sea lochs. Temporarily gusty near rain.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly negligible, but local buffeting near showers
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers; mostly transferring well inland by afternoon. Lightning. Showers morning, most widely near the coast. The rain progressively extending eastwards, becoming heavy well inland by midday. During afternoon on some hills the rain may not stop for an hour or two. Expect hail and locally thunderstorms.
Cloud on the hills?	Intermittently clearing most summits - forming quickly near heavy rain. Cloud base will vary; in the morning will frequently or persistently shroud hills within 10 miles of the general lie of the west coast above 750, later 1000m, whilst well inland, summits only occasionally covered. By afternoon, tops often cloud free, but in rain fog reforming, in places on lower slopes where rain sets in.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sunshine between showers; most extensive near west coast in afternoon. Visibility generally excellent but deteriorating quickly in heavy rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	5C coastal tops; rising to 7 or 8C well inland.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 11 August	Sunday 12 August
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	West backing south to southeasterly, 10mph most of daylight. Will strengthen to 20 to 30mph from SW toward evening. Small, but toward evening will increasingly impede ease of walking on higher areas.	Low confidence in this forecast. Southeast or southerly; 10-20mph; perhaps easterly 30mph morning Lochaber. Mostly small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little or no rain Isolated passing showers near and west of Loch Linnhe will die out soon after dawn. Increasing risk of rain late afternoon or evening, initially reaching summits near Clyde sea lochs (timing of this very uncertain).	Rain very likely A band of rain likely to clear northwards, probably during the morning. There is then uncertainty as to the extent of showers, or further persistent, possibly thundery rain, following from south.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Hills substantially cloud free Many summits free of cloud most of daylight. But over a few hours after dawn, cloud frequently above 800m, albeit the base will rise to clear the summits in the morning. Fog will return to higher tops, perhaps widely in rain, evening onwards. 80%	Intermittently clearing Fog very likely widespread after dawn will lift to or above higher tops following clearance of rain. However, the cloud base likely to lower again in further rain. Overall, highest cloud base likely toward and west of Loch Linnhe. 40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine in and out, although cloud will fill in and later thicken. Visibility excellent.	Sunshine intermittently, most widely near and west of Loch Linnhe. Frequently excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	5 rising to 10C Above the summits	10 to perhaps 13C. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 11 August, 2018**

Colder and wetter countrywide over the next week to 10 days. Rain (either as periods of constant rain or just showers) likely at some stage most days, although there will also be dry days. Cloud will often shroud higher tops, particularly western mountains in the mornings.

Forecast issued at 7:24 on Friday, 10 August, 2018

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